



Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	Regional Agency Alliance Ordinance ▼
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	11/24/2015
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	a locally modified Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELO?	Yes ▼
3d	URL for your WELO	http://www.cvwd.org/270/Landscape-Irrigation-System-Design-Plans



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3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicability: Previously, single family homes had to be an area equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet to be applicable. The revision reduces 5,000 to 2,500 square feet as the minimum threshold. • ET Adjustment Factor: Previously, the District allowed an ET Adjustment Factor of 0.5. The State is now asking for an ET factor of .55 for residential areas and .45 for nonresidential areas. The District will change the ET Adjustment Factor to 0.45 for all areas. • Irrigation Efficiency: The District's Ordinance requires a minimum irrigation efficiency of 0.75. The State revisions call for 0.75 for spray systems and 0.90 for drip systems so the Districts will adhere to that. • Design: Previously, areas less than 8 feet in width were not to be designed with turf. Now those areas less than 10 feet shall not be designed with turf, unless subsurface irrigation is used. • Design: The State now requires a residential landscape over 5,000 square feet to have a separate meter for irrigation; language has been revised to adhere to this requirement. • Mulch: The revision changes the requirement from two inches depth of mulch required to three inches of depth. • Flow sensors: High flow sensors were previously required on landscape areas larger than 5,000 square feet but made an exception for single family homes. The revision
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWELO), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	No projects are exempt.
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	No
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	CVWD revised existing WELO and cities within our service area are adopting similar ordinances based on the CVWD WELO.
5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	Two single family residence, Two residential tracts and one commercial landscape retrofit.
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	141,296.0
6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	Square Feet



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7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	4
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	1
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	Plans must be submitted to CVWD for plan check review for compliance against the ordinance. Plans are returned for corrections if they don't meet the ordinance. Projects can not purchase a water meter until ordinance standard has been met.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Plan check is performed, water meters are held until ordinance standards have been met.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	CVWD
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	CVWD WELO has been in place since 2007. Current revision changed some requirements but implementation and enforcement was already in place.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	See above.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	Minor changes were made to CVWD WELO to be compliant with State MWELO. CVWD worked with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments to ensure education of City and Country personnel. CVWD also distributed information regarding the change to landscape professionals. CVWDs adoption was conducted during a public meeting.
13	Additional Comments:	

[Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to WELO@water.ca.gov by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at \(916\) 651-9676.](#)